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NEWSNOTES

New deadline for newspaper submissions

Deadlines for submitting articles to the Fort Dix Post have changed. The Fort Dix Public Affairs Office is realigning its newspaper deadlines to match those of Joint Base higher headquarters public affairs requirements.

Submissions prepared by writers from military and civilian organizations on the post must be submitted by 4:30 p.m. each Monday.

For more information, contact David Moore at 562-4035, of the Dix Public Affairs Office or e-mail david.f.moore@us.army.mil.

Pre-Retirement/ Separations briefing

The next Retirement/Separations Briefing will be held Aug. 18 - 21, from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. each day. The seminar will take place in the Timmermann Conference Center, located on 8th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue.

This is a mandatory briefing for Soldiers within 120 days of retirement/transition leave. However, it is open to all Soldiers and family members interested in obtaining information on the retirement or separation process.

Reservations are required. Contact the Retirement Services Officer, Fay Marshall-Dease at 562-2666 or via email at fay.marshalldease@us.army.mil to make reservations.

Warehouse Sale offers houseware bargains

A warehouse sale will be held July 21 - 22 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at MWR Supply, Bldg. 6043 Doughboy Loop. For sale are like-new desks, cabinets, closets as well as air conditioners, curtains, lamps and artwork. Deliveries are not available.

New hours for ID cards

The ID Card Facility hours of operations have changed.

The Hemingway Visitor's Center new hours of operations: Monday-Friday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., location: Bldg. 2270 Route 68; and ID Card Facility, Bldg. 5418 (Room 125) Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Monthly Saturday hours of operation for the remainder of fiscal year: Aug. 1, Sept. 12 with operating hours: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Vets' personnel records available online

The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) has provided the following website for veterans to gain access to their DD-214's online: <http://vetrecs.archives.gov/>

This may be particularly helpful when a veteran needs a copy of his or her DD-214 for employment purposes. NPRC is working to make it easier for veterans with computers and internet access to obtain copies of documents from their military files. Military veterans, and the next of kin of deceased former military members, may now use a new online military personnel records system to request documents.

Weather

FRIDAY -- A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. High near 88. Showers likely overnight, with a low around 69 degrees.

SATURDAY -- Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorm. Highs in the low 80s. A chance of showers overnight with a low near 64 degrees.

SUNDAY -- Chance of afternoon thunderstorms. The daytime high will be near 82 degrees. Mostly cloudy overnight with a low around 63.

Employers to Dix: 'We want you'

Pascual Flores
Public Affairs Staff

Fort Dix will host its first Ultimate Warrior Workshop and Career Fair July 29 and 30, at Club Dix and Timmermann Center.

This event, open to all military personnel and their spouses, will host more than 70 potential employers with one purpose in mind: to provide employment within state and federal agencies and various corporations and private companies.

Invitations to this year's Career Fair are limited to potential employers with real jobs available.

"For the past six weeks, I have called, e-mailed and searched the web to find employers who have jobs available for the job fair," said Nancy Marshello, employer coordinator-volunteer at Fort Dix.

Marshello moved to the East Coast from Los Angeles five years ago, where she worked as a United Service Organization (USO) volunteer.

She continues to dedicate her time at Fort Dix by volunteering to serve Soldiers during welcome home ceremonies at the Mobilization Readiness Battalion's Bravo Company and the Monday night Warrior Transition Unit get-togethers.

"I'll do anything I can to help our men and women in uniform," said Marshello.

"A dedicated, hard working individual who gives from the heart," said Sgt. Maj. James Clark, career fair coordinator, referring to Marshello.

Day one of this two-day event begins with briefings in the morning followed by workshops on tips for resume writing and job interview skills designed to provide Soldiers and spouses with guidance on finding the job they are best suited for depending on their experience and training.

More than 200 volunteers contracted by Army Career and Alumni Program

(ACAP), Tip of the Arrow Foundation and Curtis Consulting Group will provide assistance with resume writing and interview skills.

"These volunteers will provide a one-on-one service on coaching skills to the Soldiers that tailors the resume to fit

the job," Clark said.

Some of the coaching skills offered are how to best use today's network for getting a job, and behavior techniques.

"We will have 37 computers available for the preparation of resumes," Clark added.

Day Two of the career fair will end at Timmermann Center as more than 70 potential employers assemble to meet job applicants vying for positions.

As well as Soldiers from the local area, service members from Community

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Jennifer Chupko

Sliding into summer fun

Lainey, Kyleigh, Quinn, and Debra Ryan Burrough, from left to right, are making the most of their summer vacation as they barrel down the slide at the Willow Pond playground, July 10. There are several facilities available on the post for summer activities, including John Mann Park and the pool.

Congressman addresses community

Jennifer McCarthy
Public Affairs Staff

Civilian pay issues and veterans' benefits led the list of topics discussed during a Joint Base town hall meeting with U.S. Rep. John Adler, July 13 at Timmermann Center.

The open meeting gave members of the McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst community a chance to voice concerns and issues with the congressman and gave the legislator time to discuss some of the projects he is working on in Washington, DC.

"It was a very useful and informative town hall meeting. I like the fact he talked about the bill dealing with the locality pay that will equalize the salaries between Fort Dix, McGuire and Lakehurst," said Leslie Pelegan, administrative officer, Directorate of Emergency Services.

Currently civilians working at Lakehurst Air Naval Engineering Station fall into a higher locality pay bracket than members of the McGuire and Fort Dix workforce. Situated in Ocean County, Lakehurst falls in the New York City locality pay area and employees there receive nearly 5.5 percent more in their paychecks than Dix and McGuire workers who fall into

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-Col. Patrick Slowey
Installation Commander

the Philadelphia pay scale. For instance a GS-7 at Lakehurst makes \$42,837 a year while a GS-7 doing a similar job at McGuire makes \$40,591 a year.

Adler said that this disparity is discouraging for all the workers on the only tri-Joint Base in the county. Dix and McGuire workers feel frustrated that they are not paid the same for the same work and Lakehurst employees fear that their current pay will be frozen until their Joint Base counterparts catch up.

In an effort to rectify this problem, Adler introduced legislation in June which would equalize pay for civil servants across the Joint Base. He said he was continuing to work to impress upon the White House the need to equalize pay across McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst using the current budget. Adler said, "I am optimistic this will happen. I feel good it can get done by

Oct. 1," the date the bases will officially merge.

"I hope we get it. It would be great if we could, but I would be a bit surprised because of the current situation trying to keep costs down," said attendee Bill Howard, management analyst, Plans, Analysis, Integration Office. Howard added that he was impressed with the way Adler was trying to handle the issues raised during the forum.

One of those issues was what happens to Army specific programs such as Army Family Covenant when the bases merge. The Army Family Covenant is a pledge made by the Army to provide Soldiers and their families a certain quality of life. Adler deferred answering this question to Fort Dix Installation commander, Col. Patrick Slowey.

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Schultz takes helm of Atlantic Strike Team

Ryan Morton
Public Affairs Staff



Ryan Morton

Atlantic Strike Team (AST) incoming commander, Cmdr. Richard Schultz, renders a salute to Capt. Gail Kulisch, Deputy Deployable Operations Group, during the change-of-command ceremony at Club Dix, July 9.

The United States Coast Guard's Atlantic Strike Team (AST) said farewell to its former commanding officer, Cmdr. David Haynes and welcomed new commander, Cmdr. Richard Schultz, at a change-of-command ceremony at Club Dix, July 9.

"Over the past few days, I have had the opportunity to review the state of the Atlantic Strike Team, interact and talk with some of the crew, and examine its mission readiness and performance. What I have discovered is a superb unit that has done some extraordinary work and is absolutely ready to handle the next challenge. I've also discovered a fine group of Coast Guard members that are as passionate as I am to serve as America's Maritime Guardians at one of the Coast Guard's most elite and unique units," said Schultz.

"Commander Haynes, I thank you for leaving me with a stellar unit and thank you for your kind words and advice as I take command here. And

thank you for the warm welcome this past week. I look forward to the challenges, new relationships, and good fortune that lay ahead," said Schultz.

The AST, headquartered at Fort Dix, specializes in preparing for and responding to potential incidents such as oil spills and discharges, hazardous substance releases, terrorism, and various other emergencies. Their domestic area of responsibility includes areas east of the Mississippi River including the Northeast, Carolinas, Great Lakes Region, and international locales such as Europe, the Middle East, eastern Canada, Bermuda, Africa, and the Caribbean.

During Haynes' tenure, the AST personnel deployed to numerous international locations including Iraq, United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, and the British Virgin Islands. Domestically, AST members deployed to Midwest states including Iowa, Illinois, Missouri, and Kansas in response to areas that were overcome with flooding. The AST also deployed to Texas to assist with damage from Hurricane Ike.

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cultural geography

Southern New Jersey is 'God's country' and ours

Steve Snyder
Public Affairs Staff

"When I meet God, I expect to meet him as an American," said the late Father Richard John Neuhaus, a distinguished scholar of theology and how religion has affected America.

Neuhaus believed "America may yet prove to be, as the founders hoped, a blessing and not a curse to the nations of the earth." In Neuhaus' view, God's "covenant" with America is only part of his involvement with all of history. New England Puritans were the first to make a connection between the biblical notion of God's covenant with Israel to America's special role of preparing for the millennium (by welcoming those suffering from religious persecution, etc.).

But the idea of America as "God's country" while it has religious origins does not necessarily always maintain theological connotations. Many Americans have used the term "God's country" to describe what they considered to be an ideal nation where freedom reigned and citizens were industrious and virtuous.

In that sense I think most of us can agree that there exists a form of American exceptionalism, a shared belief that no one else has managed democracy so well or, until recently, accumulated wealth so readily.

Like everyone else our area has been damaged by the recession. Jobs lost, economy slowing and traditional events like car shows and Indian festivals - scrubbed. But if history is any indicator, we'll come back.

Activities pictured on this page give one a vivid sense of what the spirit of Americans can accomplish when energies are unleashed. Who else, after all, has a store that sells hubcaps exclusively or races stock cars on Saturday night.

America is God's country!



HIKERS HAVENS -- South Jersey can boast of some fine hiking trails; including the one circling Pemberton's Museum standing next to railroad tracks (about three miles), the Batona Trail distinguished by an Apple Pie Hill fire tower starting at the Carranza Monument and continuing for eight miles through Wharton State Forest, and many scenic routes plunging along Cattus Island County Park, near Toms River in Ocean County.

Steve Snyder took 9 of the 12 photos pictured. Others are appropriately credited.



FOOD FOR THOUGHT -- "Book Garden," a combination book store and florist located on Route 537 near the New Egypt turnoff, sports an eclectic mixture of books for every taste, many long out of print, for committed bibliophiles and disciples of unsung philosophers.



STICKING A NECK OUT -- A giraffe makes the rounds at Animal Kingdom Zoo on the Jacksonville-Jobstown Road, just east of Route 206. Today, July 22 and July 30 are "Feed the Giraffes Days" at the charming establishment, open daily, which exhibits many different kinds of animals for modest entry fees. Phone (609) 267-3111 for more details.



BEAUTY IN BROWNS MILLS -- Mirror Lake, above, in Browns Mills is popular with both boaters and fishermen but its waters are too pine-filled to offer the best swimming, available further on down the road at Country Lakes.



FERRY ACROSS THE BAY -- Since its beginning on July 1, 1964, more than 12 million vehicles and 35 million passengers have crossed the 17-mile mouth of Delaware Bay via vessels operated by the Cape May-Lewes Ferry. Passengers board the modern ferries, no longer than football fields, for a beautiful 80-minute cruise across the bay, paying only a minimal fee to arrive where Delaware's premier beaches begin (assuming you started at Cape May).



Ed Mingin

OFF TO THE RACES -- The New Egypt Speedway holds stock car races Saturday nights from April through October, usually lasting about six hours filled with speed, thrills and some fancy driving in vehicles varying in size and other specifications. Demolition derbies and mud races are among specialties occasionally on the bill but straight, rock 'em, sock 'em racing on the track's new tri-oval clay opens the way. Some NASCAR greats have appeared here along with many old pros who've mastered the terrain.



SURF'S UP -- Water temperature reached an almost balmy 69 degrees last Saturday as swimmers at Ship's Bottom, above, took advantage of the temperatures to plunge right in. Ship's Bottom lies at the eastern end of Route 72 and is among the finer beaches on Long Beach Island. Seaside Heights at Tom's River is another attractive beach close to Fort Dix. Ocean City and Wildwood lie further down off the Garden State Parkway but are well worth the drive.



HUBCAP HEAVEN -- Car dealers charge rip-off prices anymore just to replace hubcaps off tire axles. To the consumer's rescue comes "The HUB-CAP Place," just several miles east of where Route 206 runs into the Red Lion circle on Route 70. "Place" customers pay only about a third of what dealers charge and drive away with a shiny hubcap that appears almost new. Only in America, baby.



PINELANDS PANORAMA -- Bogs, birdwatchers and blueberries dot the historic village of Whitesbog, preserved pretty much intact the way it was at the turn of the 20th century. Located in the heart of the Pinelands, just off Route 530 south of Browns Mills, Whitesbog hosts an annual festival every summer, celebrating and displaying some of the arts and crafts familiar to an earlier time. Roads winding through the village are ideal for sightseeing or hiking.

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AMERICANA -- The "Happy Apple Inn," distinguished by a moosehead in its bar, humongous steaks and exquisite beers the likes of Vermont's "Long Trail," Ireland's "Smithwick's" and "Leinenkugel's Classic Amber," is located in the small, 300-year-old town of Imlaystown, on Route 526 east of Allentown, N.J. and has been in operation since 1910. It's open daily except Mondays and Tuesdays.



COLUMBUS FARMERS MARKET Located on Route 206 just south of the Jacksonville Road, the Farmers Market offers hundreds of flea markets, over 60 inside retail stores and produce to salivate over. Chicken kabob to Mexican food to homemade ice tea are outstanding! Thursdays and Saturdays are best for shopping.

Schultz takes helm

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"Three years ago, I took command of the Atlantic Strike Team. Today, this very moment as the clock ticks down, I realize that I am leaving behind a great crew, a challenging mission, and an extremely fun command," said Haynes.

"So, today, as I turn over the helm of the Atlantic Strike Team, I recognize the immense privilege that was given to me to lead these great men and women and I thank the Coast Guard for letting me serve in this capacity," he said.

During the ceremony, outgoing commanding officer, Cmdr. Haynes was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal for his service to the AST, and following the change-of-command, Haynes was promoted to Captain.

Haynes leaves Fort Dix to assume his next position. He will serve as Chief of Prevention, at the 5th Coast Guard District, in Portsmouth, Va.



Ryan Morton

PROMOTION -- Newly promoted former Atlantic Strike Team (AST) Commander, Capt. David Haynes gets his new rank placed upon the shoulders of his uniform by his fiancée, Maria and close friend, Tony Fathman, following the AST change-of-command ceremony at Club Dix, July 9.

Congressman addresses post



Jennifer McCarthy

FACE TO FACE -- Leslie Pelegan, public safety, shakes hands with Congressman John Adler, following a Joint Base open house at Timmermann Center July 13. Adler answered questions about a variety of topics facing McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst employees.

Dix job fair

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Based Warrior Transition Units in Massachusetts, Virginia and Maryland, will make the trip to find jobs in career fields for which they are best qualified.

Some of the employment opportunities available are in law enforcement, engineering, fire protection, forklift operators and immigrations to name a few.

To date, more than 930 individuals have registered for the event. A continental breakfast will be provided both days at Timmermann Center, along with lunch at Club Dix.

"Our veterans have fought courageously for our country. We owe it to them to provide jobs when they return to civilian life. The Ultimate Warrior Career Fair helps Soldiers and their spouses secure employment. We would like the military-to-civilian transition to be a smooth process," Clark said.

Correction:

Firefighter Wayne Wharton was pictured on page 3 of the July 10 edition of the Post. Wharton and his fellow firefighters were conducting water rescue training at the Lake in the Woods June 24.

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"We are going to ensure Army families continue to receive services. There is still going to be an ACS (Army Community Services). Those services, staffing and funds will still be available," said Slowey.

Adler also touched on the recent changes in the GI Bill. The Post-9/11 GI Bill offers expanded educational benefits for individuals with at least 90 days of aggregate service on or after September 11, 2001.

The bill takes effect on or after Aug. 1.

According to Adler, New Jersey is a leader in providing servicemembers with opportunities to further their education and that the new GI Bill will make it easier for troops to use credits earned from non-traditional sources.

Additional information on the new GI Bill can be found at www.gibill.va.gov.

Veteran's employment issues were also discussed. Adler said that returning veterans have a higher unemployment rate compared to non-servicemembers the same age.

"The unemployment rate is high," Adler told the crowd. "We're gonna struggle for awhile longer."

Adler is currently sponsoring legislation to help ease the financial burden faced by some returning veterans and said that there are programs in place to offer incentives for companies to hire former servicemembers.

He also addressed the issue of Government Pension Offset which was designed to minimize "double-dipping" or partaking in two separate government retirement plans.

One participant in the discussion, a widow, said she only receives \$30 a month from her late husband's retirement check because of the law.

Adler said he is working to change these laws to favor former civil servants, but the decision is stuck in Congress.

Adler offered to provide what assistance he could to the members of the audience.

"We must support the brave men and women who keep us safe," said Adler.

Volunteers are needed for Special Observances Committees

Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday
Black History Month
Women's History Month
Holocaust Remembrance Day
Asian Pacific Heritage Month
Women's Equality Day
Hispanic Heritage Month
Native American Heritage Month

Call Denise Horton at 562-4011

Police Log

Police Log is a weekly synopsis of significant police activities developed from reports, complaints, incidents or information received and actions taken, for the week of July 6 - July 12, 2009.

The abbreviation DoD stands for Department of Defense; NAFD means Not Affiliated with Fort Dix (the subject doesn't live or work here); NCIC stands for National Crime Information Center; DWI means Driving While Intoxicated; CDS means Controlled Drug Substance; POV means Privately Owned Vehicle; MAFB stands for McGuire Air Force Base; USAF EC stands for US Air Force Expeditionary Center; AHCC stands for Ambulatory Health Care Clinic (MAFB); VMHBC stands for Virtual Memorial Hospital of Burlington County; CP# stands for Check-point Number.

●Police responded to a motor vehicle crash at Texas Avenue and Range Road. Investigation revealed a vehicle, operated by a civilian NAFD, struck another vehicle from the rear. There were no reported injuries and the vehicles were released to the operators at the scene.

●Police responded to a traffic accident on Buck Swamp Road. Investigation revealed a tactical vehicle lost control and struck a stump. There were no reported injuries and the vehicle sustained disabling damage and was released to the unit maintenance staff.

●Police responded to an incident in the Laurel Hill housing area. Investigation revealed an occupant and his spouse had a verbal dispute that did not escalate into violence. Assistance from the victim advocate was declined.

●Police and Fire Department personnel responded to a fire alarm at Bldg. 5653. Investigation revealed the cause was a malfunctioning alarm. A work order was placed.

●Police responded to a report of larceny of private property at Bldg. 5256. Investigation revealed person(s) unknown took property belonging to a Soldier assigned to Fort Dix. Investigation continues.

●Police responded to a domestic disturbance in the Garden Terrace housing area. Investigation revealed a resident and his spouse had a confrontation that involved yelling and shoving. The subject, an Airman assigned to McGuire AFB, was released to his chain of command. Investigation continues.

●During a credential check of a vehicle attempting to enter the installation via the Main Gate, police discovered the vehicle operator, a civilian NAFD, had an expired driver's license. The subject was cited and the vehicle released to a licensed driver.

●During a routine traffic stop on Pointville Road, police discovered the operator, a civilian NAFD, had a suspended driver's license. The subject was cited and the vehicle was released to a licensed driver.

●Police responded to a motor vehicle crash at 4th Street and New Jersey Avenue. Investigation revealed a government truck, operated by a Soldier assigned to Fort Dix, struck a pole while turning. There were no reported injuries and the vehicle was released to the operator at the scene.

●Police responded to a report of larceny of private property in the Garden Terrace housing area. Investigation revealed person(s) unknown took property from an unsecured garage.

●Police responded to a motor vehicle crash on Delaware Avenue. Investigation revealed a government vehicle, operated by a Soldier assigned to Fort Dix, struck another vehicle while backing from a parking space.

●Police responded to a traffic accident at Texas Avenue and Brody Road. Investigation revealed a vehicle, operated by an Airman assigned to McGuire AFB, struck a stopped vehicle from the rear. There were no reported injuries and the vehicles were released to the operators at the scene.

●During a credential check of a vehicle attempting to enter the installation via the Main Gate, police discovered the vehicle operator, a civilian NAFD, had a suspended driver's license. The subject was cited and the vehicle released to a licensed driver.

●Police responded to a traffic accident in the Doughboy Field parking lot. Investigation revealed a vehicle, operated by a civilian NAFD, struck another vehicle while backing. The subject's vehicle then departed the scene without reporting the accident. Witness identified the subject vehicle and the subject was subsequently cited for leaving the scene of an accident and failure to report an accident. There were no reported injuries.

●Police, Fire Department, and emergency medical personnel responded to an incident at Bldg. 5904. Investigation revealed two Fort Dix contract employees had been engaging in horseplay that resulted in an accidental stab wound. The victim was treated at the scene and transported by ambulance to VMHBC for further treatment. The subject was transported to the police station for questioning. Investigation continues.

●Police responded to a traffic accident near Bldg. 5503. Investigation revealed a government bus, operated by a Soldier NAFD, struck another vehicle while pulling out of a parking space. There were no reported injuries and the vehicles were released to the operators at the scene.

●Police responded to a report of larceny of private property at Bldg. 5642. Investigation revealed property belonging to a Soldier assigned to Fort Dix had been taken by persons unknown. Investigation continues.

●During a routine traffic stop on Texas Avenue, police discovered the subject was under the influence of alcohol. The subject was cited and the vehicle was towed from the scene.

●There were four expired identification cards confiscated during the period.
●There were 32 Magistrate Court Citations issued for violations. DWI incidents are now at eight for the year.

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HONORS AND AWARDS



Ryan Morton

BANNERS HELD HIGH — In the largest yellow banner ceremony held this year, 300 Soldiers gathered on Sharp Field to affirm their readiness to begin missions overseas. Representatives of units about to deploy gathered in front of the statue of the Ultimate Weapon, above. Pictured are HHC and A Co. from the 405th Civil Affairs Bn. from Pleasant Grove, Utah; TAC, Detachment 4 and Detachment 5 from the 310th Psychological Operations Co. from Forest Park, Ga.; the 16th Psychological Operations Bn., Detachment 3, 321st Psychological Operations Co., Detachments 3 and 4, from Chicago; 362nd Psychological Operations TPC, plus the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Detachments of the 362nd plus the 393rd Psychological Operations Co., Detachment 1, from Fayetteville, Ark.; Detachments 3, 5 and 6 plus TAC of the 346th Psychological Operations companies joined by Detachments 3 and 4 from 303rd Psychological Operations, from Columbus, Ohio.



From left, 1st Sgt. Chuck Cutler and Maj. Lee Baroldy, 401st Civil Affairs Battalion, Delta Company (Tactical), Lt. Col. Ronny Diz and Sgt. 1st Class Walter Laracuente, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment (HHD) 308th Civil Affairs (CA) Brigade (Bde.), Detachment (Det.) 38, Master Sgt. Craig Edward and Lt. Col. Ricardo Singleton, HHD 308th CA Bde., Det. 39, Lt. Col. Jon Lukens and Sgt. 1st Class Jacqueline Case, HHD 308th CA Bde., Det. 40, and Lt. Col. TJ Schakow and Sgt. 1st Class Martin Bailey, HHD 308th CA Bde., Det. 41 display their unit's yellow banners at Infantry Park, July 10. The units mobilized from Fort Dix for a mission in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Ryan Morton



Jennifer Chupko

Staff Sgt. Mercedes Ramos-Tixe, Headquarters, Headquarters Company, Mobilization Readiness Battalion is awarded her new rank of sergeant first class by Maj. Richard Schau, Regional Training Center East executive officer, behind the Central Issue Facility July 9. Ramos-Tixe serves as the Senior Administrative Non-commissioned Officer. She performs personnel and administrative functions in support of the company.



Major Alan Fontes places the new rank on Sgt. 1st Class Ryan N. Hemphill, above. Cara Newman, wife of Sgt. 1st Class Cameron Eichen, Sr., places his new rank onto his uniform, above center. Sgt. 1st Class Humberto Ortiz receives his new chevron as his wife, Sgt. 1st Class Luz C. Ortiz, places it on his uniform during a promotion ceremony, above right. The July 8 promotion ceremony was special, said Col. Christopher Sands, 3/312th commander, because MATOPS had not just one, but three promotions to senior non-commissioned status at the same time. All promotions were effective July 1.

photos by Lisa Evans

SEMPER PARATUS — Capt. David Haynes, former commander, U.S. Coast Guard Atlantic Strike Team (AST), awards Gene Morris the Auxiliary Letter of Commendation Ribbon, July 9. Morris was recognized for his work as an AST Incident Response Center Watchstander from May 2006 to March 2009, volunteering more than 750 hours of service.

Ryan Morton



Newly promoted Chief Warrant Officer 3 Linford Maitland, 2nd Training Support Battalion, 315th Regiment, right photo, receives his new rank from his wife Louise, July 10. Maitland, an active duty Soldier from Gaithersburg, Md., serves as an Improvised Explosive Device Master Trainer as well as the battalion intelligence officer.

Sgt. Nichole Dykstra



NEIGHBORHOOD

The Corner

Financial assistance available for military spouses

CDM Institute will visit Army Community Services July 21 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. to provide information regarding educational opportunities for military spouses that are considering a new career or looking to advance in their current field. Military spouses may be eligible for financial assistance through the Military Spouse Career Advancement Account when enrolled in participating schools. For more information and to register call Patricia Toler or Amada Espinoza at 562-2767.

Home buying seminar offered at ACS

The ACS Relocation Readiness Program is sponsoring a free home buying seminar July 22 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Bldg. 5201. Topics covered include: seven reasons to buy a home, steps to buying a home, how to negotiate a mortgage, down payments and closing costs, what to look for in a lender, the secrets to finding the best home possible and much more. Bring all your questions. Advance registration is required. Call 562-2767 for more information.

Ultimate Warrior job fair coming to Fort Dix

Soldiers and spouses are invited to attend technical workshops and a career fair July 29 and July 30 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Timmermann Center. More than 60 employers such as the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Internal Revenue Service, Lockheed Martin, CACI, Global Options, Inc., Homeland Security and the Secret Service will be on hand to recruit new employees. Workshops covering resume writing skills, veterans benefits, social security disability benefits, Tip of the Arrow, ACPAP and Military One Source will also be held. For more information call Sgt. Maj. James Clark at (301) 674-9428 or Sgt. 1st Class Loranda Taylor at (609) 864-2565.

Families invited to relive the 1960s

Groovy ID card holders and their families are invited to dust off their tie-dyed shirts and bell bottoms and attend the 60s Flashback Family Day Music and Art Expo Aug. 8 on Doughboy Field. The fun runs from noon to 7 p.m. and features live entertainment, boardwalk games, a classic car show, photo stands, craft demonstrations, a NASCAR simulator and more. Food will be available to purchase. For more information call 562-5881 or visit the Fort Dix Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation website at www.dixmwr.com.

Hot August Night Wine and Jazz Festival returns

Enjoy a night of wine and smooth Jazz at Club Dix Aug. 14 at 5:30 p.m.. Live performances by Jazz greats Jeff Golub, Eugene Groove, Jeff Lorber and Jessy J, along with a variety of wines and spirits highlight the evening. The event is open to the public. Tickets are \$24 for ID card holders and \$29 for all others. Anyone attending the wine tasting must be 21 or older. Tickets may be purchased in person at Club Dix and FMWR Headquarters or over the phone by calling 562-6772.

Items available to rent at Outdoor Recreation

Add some fun to your family or community event this season by renting items from the Outdoor Recreation Equipment Resource Center. Baggos, three bouncy castles, and two sizes of table covers are available to rent. Canoes, boats, tents, tables, chairs, super cookers, mountain bikes and other equipment are also available. For more information call 562-6667.

NASCAR simulator coming to PX/BX, 60s concert

Get ready to put yourself on the fast track when the Official #24 Jeff Gordon Pepsi Chevrolet simulator from the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series appears at the PX/BX parking lot Aug. 7 from noon to 6 p.m. It will also be at John Mann Park Aug. 8 during the 60s Flashback Family Day from noon to 6 p.m.

Dix employee showcases talent

Lisa Evans
Public Affairs Staff

He's not your stereotypical starving artist. Wielding a basketball as easily as a camera, Jim Campbell works at the Griffith Field House when he isn't shooting land or seascapes and printing his own fine art photography.

His eye is trained to see the possibilities. Campbell took a photography seminar under Ansel Adams, the master at seeing a photograph when he looked at nature. A trained artist with a degree in art, Campbell said he took the seminar almost by accident, simply by being in the right place at the right time.

"While in the Air Force, I took photos on the side. My career was weather specialist for four years. Then I was in recruiting for 10 years, still doing photography on the side. Then, I was in the Army National Guard in Kansas and Ansel Adams was there to work for Hallmark, selling them photos for cards," Campbell said. "To my surprise, Adams liked my photos and said I had a good eye for composition and lighting."

That was all Campbell needed to spur his concentration on landscapes, his desire to capture the scenery he lives with every day and present it in total perfection.

"Ansel Adams taught pre-visualization," Campbell explained. "Visually look at the subject and determine how you want to capture it. Then come back a few times. Visually scan, look in the camera and do the cropping there with your eye. At the instant of exposure, the photo is done. There is nothing to do with it again, no cropping, no altering. It is finished."

Examples of Campbell's photographs using this training have been on display at the McGuire Library since March and will remain on display indefinitely.

Campbell came to photography 35 years ago when he was a fine arts student at the Art Institute of Philadelphia. His fellow students took photographs of landscapes or still lifes and then painted from the photos. Thinking this was a good idea, Campbell started doing the same thing.



photos by Lisa Evans

EXHIBITING EXCELLENCE — Griffith Field House recreation assistant, Jim Campbell, right, is a gifted photographer who studied under Ansel Adams. Some of Campbell's work, such as his piece, New Jersey Barn, above, is on display at the McGuire Air Force Base Library.

"As time went on, I began to realize that my photographs were better than my paintings. So I took a class in photography and found I was really good at it. I got more and more into photography and changed my major from art to photography," Campbell explained.

He started with weddings and events, found he couldn't make a living so he joined the Air Force. After 14 years with other specialties, Campbell finally was recognized and moved into a position as an official photographer for DoD police documentation and official portraits. He photographed military honor guards, publicity photos for recruiting and meteorological and surface photos for the Air Force. After joining the Army National Guard, he photographed special events and while deployed in support of Desert Storm.

"This is something I do because it's a passion," Campbell said. "It's an ecstasy and an agony. It's an ecstasy because of the motivation for me to capture the photograph of something beautiful in nature that surrounds us. I need to capture that feeling I get when I look at the landscape, in the exposure of what I was feeling, capture an instant in time so someone else can feel it as well."

"The agony is that artists are at the mercy of the judges and art critics. Whether it is art or not, they deem you an artist or a wannabe. Any art critic has a lot to say about what you choose to do," he said.

"For example, the still life I did in black and white of an orange, a lemon and a grapefruit. This is a multimedia piece, a photo with hand painted oil on it. It took a month to do. I entered it in a

show in 1999 and the critic didn't accept the piece for the show. Her reason, 'I just don't like fruit,' she said.

"Artists are at the mercy of critics," Campbell said.

Whether at the mercy of critics or not, Campbell has stayed with photography and has taught others what he loves at the Center for Arts in South Jersey and at the Lenape Adult Education Center for two years. Four of his former students have won major awards in fine art photography so he feels he has done a good job both at teaching and at his chosen artistic field.

"There's a great measure of satisfaction when a piece is accepted for a show," Campbell said. "God gave me a talent and I want to go out there and use it. If someone wants to buy it, that's great."



Chapel offers children summer fun

Lisa Evans
Public Affairs Staff

Children turned into adventurers and traveled time and space this year during the annual Vacation Bible School (VBS) held at the Fort Dix Main Chapel.

The annual event sold in danger of cancellation this year because attendance in 2008 was down to only 55 children.

"It's the best we have had for a long time," said Hilde Dreyer, Catholic director of religious education for the Chapel. "It has been in a small decline for years but we had 123 children on Monday and 140 registered by this morning. We keep getting more children every day."

This year's theme is, "Time Stone Travelers' VBS: A Quest for God's 10 Commandments." Chapel rooms are decorated to look like a Mayan jungle, a Hawaiian volcano, an ancient laboratory, and a medieval castle. Each room studies two commandments and reads appropriate Bible passages. Other rooms are filled with different arts and

crafts for all ages, and there are plenty of snacks.

The chapel halls were filled with children making a joyful noise, pretending to be American Indians, as volunteers led them to classrooms Wednesday morning. Occasionally a volunteer passed by with a smaller child on one hip, but for the most part, all of the children were well into the spirit of the occasion.

"This is an annual event to give parents a summer break. But it also provides a way for children to come and meet friends from school and they seem to have so much fun," said Thuan Domski, co-ordinator.

"It's a good opportunity for children to be acquainted with the church environment," Domski said. "Because Joint Basing happened, there are so many more children around, new children are living in the area. This is a good way to introduce them to the church and Sunday school."

It takes a lot of volunteers to set up and run VBS. Forty volunteers, including 10 new volunteers who came with children from the McGuire Chapel, are

working hard to keep everything running smoothly and children happy.

"The volunteers are just so dedicated. Many of them have been doing this for years," said Dreyer. "The weather is working with us too."

One of those volunteers, Lin Smith, is a mother who brought her children because she saw a sign along the road. She told another family, living in the extended living hotel in Mount Laurel while they wait for housing, and they brought their children.

Smith, wife of Chief Warrant Officer 3 Andrew Smith, 72nd Field Artillery Bde, brought her two boys aged 8 and 10 to the VBS.

"I like to give my boys the opportunity of vacation bible camp because they have never experienced it before," Smith said. "Thuan was so great to me. She showed me a lot. I had no friends but she welcomed me and showed me around."

Smith is from Hong Kong. She moved to London, then went to Ger-

many to work and met her husband there.

With all the moving around, she said she lost touch with the church and wants to come back to worship.

"It's something I want to do and something I want to show my children. We will be attending the church starting on Sunday," she added.

Kimberly Etienne, married to Major Jeff Etienne, has been in Fort Dix since September.

"I think VBS is wonderful," she said. "The children learn a lot of interpersonal relation skills. The staff is very kind to them and not aggressive or abrupt. They teach them daily living skills and bring it down to their level. I think that's very important."

"I especially like the grandmotherly touch. I think it's so sweet. I loved my grandparents."

Vacation Bible School will end with a service in the Chapel at 11:30 a.m. July 17. A picnic will follow. All are invited to attend.

New foreclosure law helps military renters

Nurit Anderson
Fort Dix Legal Office

With today's mortgage crises still an on-going reality, many military members find themselves in the precarious position of renting a home that is being foreclosed upon because the landlord, unbeknownst to the renter, has not been paying the mortgage.

Do tenants, who have been diligently making rent payments on time each month, have any rights at all, or can they be forced to vacate the property immediately after the foreclosure?

Up until recently, the protections, if any, afforded to renters of property being foreclosed upon were determined only by state law, which varied greatly. Some states, such as New Jersey, provide that the tenancy survives foreclosure action, yet other states allow immediate eviction after foreclosure action. Fortunately, on May 20, President Obama signed a federal law known as the "Protecting Tenants at

Foreclosure Act of 2009," which enables tenants to fight immediate eviction no matter what state they live in.

Specifically, the new law provides that renters have the right to stay in the home throughout the duration of the lease agreement unless the new owner is moving into the home.

In any event, the new law gives renters a minimum of 90 days before they can be evicted.

Moreover, the Joint Federal Travel Regulation was amended to permit the government to pay for local moves if military renters are forced to move from their rental homes due to foreclosure action.

Hopefully, these protections will eliminate the need to move at all, or at a minimum, will provide the renters with ample time to find a suitable place to live and compensate them for the cost of moving.

If you have any questions, please contact the Installation Legal Office at 562-3043.



Lisa Evans

SUMMER COLOR — Xavier Thomas colors a picture as part of the Vacation Bible School program held July 13 through July 17, at the Fort Dix Main Chapel.

Soldiers can order new uniforms online

Kathy McPeak
Army News Service

PHILADELPHIA, July 9, 2009 — The flame-resistant Army combat uniform (ACUs) and the improved physical fitness uniform (APFT) can now be ordered by deployed troops through a Web-based program.

The Army Direct Ordering Program was initially limited to a select number of sites in Iraq which could order limited uniform-replacement items. Now the program has been expanded to support units in Iraq, Afghanistan, Qatar, Kuwait and Djibouti.

In April, the Defense Supply Center Philadelphia (DSCP) expanded the program to offer the flame-resistant ACUs and the APFT uniform.

Soldiers can now order more than 50 replacement items under the program, ranging from boots to goggles.

In 2004, DSCP partnered with the Kentucky Logistics Operation Center to create a third-party logistics operation. The center is a subcontractor which runs a clothing distribution facility responsible for receiving, warehousing and delivering the goods.

"The ADO program has been an outstanding success and a valuable benefit to Soldiers deployed to the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility, providing sustainment of clothing bag items and organizational clothing and individual equipment," said Kenneth Gunn, program manager for the third-party logistics program.

"Soldiers have the ease of ordering from a Web-based catalog and receive the order that has been individually picked, packed, and shipped to their location in theater," Gunn said. He explained that replacement items under ADO are normally ordered through a unit's supply section.

DSCP was the recipient of the 2006 Department of Defense Supply Chain Excellence Award for its direct ordering program. The award recognizes organiza-

tions that are committed to improving supply chain performance in providing logistics support to troops.

"With the coordination of the military services, DSCP strives to have the best equipped and well-protected military in the world," said Susanne McHale, supervisor of the battledress uniform integrated supplier team. McHale's team partnered with industry to make the flame-resistant Army combat uniform available.

"In the past few years, it has become clear that our deployed servicemembers need to be protected from flash burns caused by improvised explosive devices and other enemy weapons in the field," McHale said.

The flame-resistant ACUs were first fielded in 2007 and deploying Soldiers are now issued four sets each.

"The flame-resistant Army combat uniform is just one of many steps being taken to reduce injuries to our brave men and women in theater around the world," McHale said.

Defender M, a flame-resistant cloth with a fiber blend of rayon, para-aramid, and nylon, is used to make the combat uniform. Once an order is placed for the uniform, the Soldier receives it in three weeks or less, DSCP officials said.

Another item Soldiers can now order through the Army Direct Ordering Program is the physical fitness uniform. Scott Kromis, who oversees the accessories team at DSCP, said that by providing a modernized ensemble for physical fitness gear to the Army, Soldiers are able to perform their physical fitness activities in a safer uniform that lasts longer.

Modifications were made to the physical fitness uniform by adding a long-sleeve T-shirt and a modern workout jacket and pants.

The new uniforms are made of high-performance fabrics that resist wind and rain, while allowing moisture to pass through. Adjustable vents were added to the jacket, along with reflective stripes and reinforced elbows

and a hidden back vent.

The new T-shirts are safer, and have a modern look and fit, Kromis said.

With demand increasing due to the mandatory wear of only the APFT uniform or the ACU in theater, and the addition of this ensemble to the ADO program,

procurement challenges arose.

Clothing and Textiles supply chain customer and supplier sides worked together with the customers and vendors to gain a better idea of demand. New suppliers were added to the existing industrial base and weekly conference calls were held to assure

an adequate supply was maintained.

The Department of the Army, Army Central Command, Army Clothing and Services Office, Kentucky Logistics Operation Center, Advantech and the Defense Supply Center Philadelphia collaborated to make

changes to the ADO Program Web site to add the new clothing items.

DSCP is part of the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) headquartered at Fort Belvoir, Va. DLA procures and distributes more than 3 million items to U.S. and allied forces



courtesy photo

DRESSED FOR SUCCESS -- Soldiers in formation wear the Flame-Resistant Army Combat Uniform. This uniform, along with the new Army Physical Fitness Uniform, are available for deployed Soldiers to order online through the Army Direct Ordering Program.

Chaplain focuses on reintegration

Lisa Evans
Public Affairs Staff

Coming home isn't always easy.

There is joy and fear, children to reacquaint with or meet for the first time and relationships to be rebuilt. Frequently there is no job to return to. Unknowns loom large.

Addressing these issues is the responsibility and joy of Chap. (Col.) David H. Jones, new to Fort Dix, but experienced in helping warriors reintegrate their lives after combat or leave their loved ones to go to war.

"I'm just glad to be here and glad to serve our Soldiers," said Jones. "I'm a combat chaplain, and even though I'm a colonel, I still enjoy dealing one-on-one

with Soldiers. I can do that at the JRC [Joint Readiness Center], say hello, be available, when I'm not doing mandatory things that is."

Jones comes here from Fort Campbell, Ky. There, he worked with reintegration for returning Soldiers but those Soldiers were on active duty with their families nearby and support systems at hand. Jones said it is harder for warriors coming through Fort Dix because their families are scattered across the country, often far from home and support systems.

Jones said understanding this difference gives him the ability to help. He understands what Soldiers face, difficulties mounting up after a year away from home; and experiences civilians cannot comprehend, Jones said

he can ease the process.

"I've had two tours in Iraq and I think I understand, both intellectually and emotionally what folks are going through when they mobilize and demobilize," Jones explained.

Jones will counsel mobilizing and demobilizing warriors using his personal experience as a Soldier and his years of professional experience as a counselor. Jones hopes to help Soldiers understand how to face deployment, or work with what they have endured during deployment and use those experiences to strengthen themselves and their families.

He stressed that too many Soldiers returning from war, already stressed by long absences and physical, emotional and spiritual hardships, have

no jobs to return to and face enormous financial and emotional stress. His own experience leaving his family behind means he understands what the families go through and what that means to deploying or returning Soldiers.

Being stationed in Iraq for two years, and across the country away from his own family for many years, he understands the separation and loneliness Soldiers face. Even his own slightly different path to the Army Chaplaincy Corps will help him counsel Soldiers. A varied interest in education has given him a wide variety of topics with which to connect to those he counsels.

Beginning his education with a bachelor's degree in earth and space science, Jones then earned

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Troops should apply soon for benefits

Navy Lt. Jennifer Cragg
American Forces Press Services

WASHINGTON, July 15, 2009 — Servicemembers interested in using the new Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits this fall are encouraged to contact the Veterans Affairs Department soon to determine their eligibility, the VA's director of education said.

"The reason we opened the door early on May 1 [was] so that we can manage this workload effectively; we expected a significant demand," Keith Wilson told bloggers and online journalists during a "DoDLive" bloggers roundtable, yesterday.

"We wanted people to come in as quickly as possible because the sooner we can get that eligibility determination out of the way, the better place we are [in] to process the enrollment [certifications] when the schools start

to come in with that information," he said.

On average, processing times to verify eligibility can take from a few weeks up to a few months, Wilson said. However, colleges and universities have been ready to receive the enrollment applications for some time.

"We've got students at 6,800 colleges," Wilson said. "They have been engaged with information flow from VA from the beginning."

The VA already is processing fall enrollment forms, he noted.

"The important issue, though, is getting that request into us as soon as possible. We are already at the point now where the fall enrollment is starting to hit us; our high demand period for the year is upon us," he said.

The new Post-9/11 GI Bill is just one of four major education programs the VA offers, Wilson said. People should educate

themselves on the different options to find the best fit.

"This is a complex program, but it is complex because of the flexibility it has," Wilson said. "The costs of education vary widely across the country, the types of training that is offered vary widely, and individuals have to be participatory in this process."

"They have to be actively engaged to understand what their benefits do for them or what they don't do for them so that they can maximize the benefits of all of our programs."

In fact, "many individuals are eligible for multiple programs," he said.

Servicemembers' spouses and children may be eligible for benefits, as well.

"Transferability of education benefits has been one of the most requested and largest requests from the field and fleet, particu-

larly from family support and advocacy groups," said Bob Clark, assistant director of Accession Policy for the Office of the Deputy Undersecretary of Defense for Military Personnel Policy, who also attended the roundtable.

To be eligible to transfer benefits to family members, servicemembers must first qualify for the Post-9/11 GI Bill, Clark said.

Servicemembers must have qualifying active duty since Sept. 11, 2001, and must be serving in the armed forces either on active duty or in the selective reserves on Aug. 1, 2009, Clark said.

"That means that it doesn't apply to members of the individual ready reserve, those who retired or separated."

"The provision was included in law to recruit and retain the current force, and requires a member [to be] of that force on or after that date the program becomes effective," he continued. "To be eligible, you must have served six years and commit to four additional years."

Clark said servicemembers can verify their family members' eligibility by checking the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System.

"[They] must be listed in DEERS and must be eligible for benefits," Clark said. "They must be either a spouse or a child who [is] eligible for benefits, which

means children under the age of 21 or 23 as a full-time student."

Servicemembers' children use the benefit, same way as a veteran would, Wilson said.

"They would go to our GI Bill Web site [and] apply online," he explained. "After service approval and application to VA, we would issue them a certificate of eligibility."

Students then take the certificate to their school, and their school's VA certifying official will report to the VA the same information they would have reported if the veteran would have been using the benefit, Wilson said.

Children can start using the benefit at 18 years old or after obtaining a high school diploma or equivalent, or until the day they turn 26, Clark said.

On the other hand, "A spouse is treated exactly like the sponsor; they can use the benefit while the sponsor is on active duty and for up to 15 years after the sponsor's last separation," he said.

Servicemembers can select the months they have available — up to 36 months total — to share with each family member, and select the period of time in whole months, Clark said. Their application will be sent to their service to approve before being sent to the VA database.

For information on the trans-

ferability process, servicemembers should contact their service, and for use of the transfer benefit, they should visit the VA Web site, Wilson said.

"This is a program that the VA will be administering on behalf of [the Defense Department]," Wilson said. "[The department] will be determining eligibility, so if the issue involves that of determining the eligibility, the individual will be working with [the department]."

"When it comes to the point where the individual is interested in actually using the benefit, they will come to VA," he said.

Wilson and Clark both added that the new Post-9/11 GI Bill is flexible. This flexibility applies to those servicemembers who came into the military under the Montgomery GI Bill era, but think they don't qualify for benefits under the new 9/11 Post GI Bill.

"A person can use all of their Montgomery GI Bill benefits, then come in and apply for Chapter 33 and receive 12 more months of benefits under Chapter 33," Wilson said. "Because they are no longer entitled to the Montgomery GI Bill, they are not giving up that entitlement; they have used up that entitlement."

Visit www.gibill.va.gov or call 1-888-GIBill-1 for more information.

Jobs featured on web

Sharon Foster
American Forces Press Services

WASHINGTON, July 15, 2009 — With more than 3,000 job openings, the creators of a new Web portal are hoping to attract disabled veterans seeking employment.

"Our current project is to spread the word that we are here," said Diana Corso, executive director of dis-

ABLEDperson Inc., a nonprofit group aiming to reduce the unemployment rate of disabled veterans.

"We launched a couple of months ago," she said.

"We have jobs on the site, but not that many resumes. We are hoping to attract many more applicants. These positions are from employers across the U.S."

DisABLEDperson Inc. hosts the nationally based online job board called Job Opportunities for Disabled American Veterans.

The site is free for disabled veterans to post their resumes and employers to post their jobs.

"We are trying to make it as easy as possible for (disabled veterans) and employers to come together," Corso said.

"All positions are paid openings, some carrying benefits."

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—Diane Corso, executive director
disABLEDperson Inc.

To post a resume, job seekers must first fill out an online registration. The resume will post on www.JOFDAV.com for three months.

After three months, job seekers are given the option to repost their resume, to modify it or to leave it inactive.

Corso encourages job seekers not just to wait for employers to find them, but to browse through job openings that companies already have posted.

Current job openings on the

Web site include accounting, administration and clerical, business development, information technology, research, restaurant and food service, science, collections, public relations and security.

Other than job titles, postings specify geographic location, job category, career level, salary level and job description.

The Web site has attracted employers that are proactively seeking to hire disabled American veterans.

"My desire is to find a way to get the word out about these openings to generate more disabled job seekers to fill the slots," Corso said.

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a master's in divinity and another master's in business administration. Working toward a Ph.D., Jones said he ran out of money and later decided not to return to the doctoral program. Currently, he is working toward a culinary degree.

Coming to Fort Dix, he said, "The Post is beautiful with a fair amount of amenities, but it is isolated. But my family is in Doylestown, Penn., so I can get home sometimes."

This isn't Jones' first time at Fort Dix. He has trained with the National Guard and the Reserves here.

He said he will be comfortable doing what he loves doing, counseling Soldiers so their deployment or return home is a little easier.



Lisa Evans

CARING COUNSELOR — Chap. (Col.) David H. Jones facilitates a counseling session at Bravo Company for demobilizing Soldiers July 13.

Dix provides key training for Civil Affairs

Wayne Cook
Public Affairs Staff

Fort Dix has provided top-notch resources and trainers for civil affairs and psychological operations Soldiers during pre-mobilization and mobilization training since last summer.

As a result of the increased need for civil affairs units to mobilize, coupled with the lack of availability to meet these needs at Fort Bragg, N.C., Fort Dix was selected as the primary training location by the United States Army Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Command (USACAPOC), according

to one civil affairs officer for these airborne organizations.

"There is no better place to train our Soldiers than at Fort Dix. With the Army Reserve MOS (military occupation specialty) schools for civil affairs and psychological operations at Fort Dix it only made sense to conduct pre-mobilization and

mobilization training here. The Soldiers can join their units directly and begin training for mobilization immediately. It is pretty much seamless," said Maj. Jim Hollingsworth, the civil affairs officer in charge for mobilization support at the Mobilized Units In-Processing Center.

"Resources are more available here for the units, while at Fort Bragg there is already a huge training commitment and resources are spread thin. The ranges and facilities are perfect for training for our missions. The trainers and staff on Fort Dix seem to have a deeper interest in supporting Reserve Soldiers...The training units here pay attention to the mobilizing officers and Soldiers, to their suggestions and complaints."

"The units that mobilized through Fort Dix request to demobilize here also because of the great services they received from the staff and from Liberty USO (United Service Organizations) of Philadelphia," Hollingsworth said.

First Lt. Randolph Naughton, assistant training officer for the Regional Training Center-East (RTC-E), said more than 800 Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen assigned to Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations units have received pre-deployment training from RTC-E Soldiers since April.

"Pre-mobilization training consists of basic individual warrior skills such as weapons qualification, basic driver training, and initial Military Operations in Urban Terrain training. Brigadier

generals to privates from USACAPOC have attended the training on post," Maj. Rob Gerstenzang, training officer, RTC-E said.

When it comes to mobilization training, representatives from USACAPOC and the pre-mobilization cell of Military Assistance for Training Operations (MATOPS), 72nd Field Artillery Brigade, get together in Atlanta, Ga., to discuss future training requirements.

Capt. Orlando Amaro, officer in charge of the post-mobilization cell, MATOPS, said those requirements are presented to the mobilization cell where we work out the schedule for facilities and trainers.

The Training Management Division (TMD) is the nerve center that pulls all of the coordination together, said Timothy Konopka, mobilization training coordinator for TMD.

The mission of the TMD is threefold: coordinate transportation, meals, training ranges and facilities.

Soldiers from the 422nd Civil Affairs Battalion, 405th Civil Affairs Battalion, 414th Civil Affairs Battalion, and the 320th Chemical Company (CA) completed their training this week and are preparing to deploy on their missions.

The Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Soldiers that train at Fort Dix appreciate the quality of the ranges and trainers.

"You begin with refreshing your basic warrior skills, and then you work on your crew or unit skills, and finally you work

on mission specific training. The pace and load of training at Fort Dix is conducive to the training cycle of USACAPOC. The trainers at Fort Dix do their utmost to facilitate the highest level of competency for Soldiers wherever they may go in the world," said Sgt. 1st Class Steven Undercoffer, team sergeant of Bravo Company, 422nd Civil Affairs Battalion from Greensboro, N.C.

Sgt. Robert Teetsell, 320th Chemical Company (CA), on loan to Bravo Company, 414th Civil Affairs Battalion from Utica, N.Y., agreed and said the training was right on track to meet mission requirements.

"We are working on tactical response scenarios as well as civil affairs scenarios, which is very important due to what our mission will be. The trainers are taking the time to really bring us up to speed on what is going on in Afghanistan," said 1st Lt. Aaron Croft of Alpha Company, 405th Civil Affairs Brigade from Pleasant Grove, Utah.

For Navy Senior Chief Petty Officer David Hall, assigned to Bravo Company, 414th Civil Affairs Battalion, the training has not been too difficult. According to Hall the main difficulty was bridging the gap between Navy and Army cultures.

"The training scenarios force you to operate as one team and you must learn to trust each other no matter what branch of service you are with. The trainers don't differentiate between services and that has made it a lot easier here at Fort Dix," Hall said.



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SOLDIER DIPLOMATS -- Spc. Andrea Izyk, civil affairs operator, Bravo Company, 414th Civil Affairs Battalion, Utica, N.Y., left, visits with a local Sheik, played by a role player, right center, to assess the village water supply system as part of a scenario during mobilization training at Range 18 June 9. Assessing the training is Staff Sgt. Overmeyer, a trainer from 1st Army, standing to the rear.

Attention OIF/OEF Vets who are Bucks County residents!

Bucks County government, in partnership with the Travis Manion Foundation*, is working on a program to simplify access to services, information, and resources available to members of the Armed Forces and their families. Before we can draft a plan, we need to hear from you! We will be conducting a meeting to hear about your experiences.

- Have you had to call any agencies for help?
- What information do you and your family require as OIF/OEF veterans?
- Has there been any agency or web site you've found helpful?
- What difficulties have you had?
- Do you need help with anything at all right now?

Please help us shape our new Veterans Integration Program (VIP)! We need your feedback! The meeting will be held:



Friday, July 17, 2009
12:00 to 2:00 P.M.
1260 Almshouse Road
Building G, 4th Floor Conference Room
Doylestown, PA 18901

Lunch will be provided.

Please RSVP by contacting Stacey Hajdak, Bucks County Office of Public Information, 215-348-6415 or smhajdak@co.bucks.pa.us

*Marine Corps 1st Lt. Travis Manion was killed in action in Iraq in 2007. The Travis Manion Foundation offers fellowships, survivor support and scholarships, and leads humanitarian service projects all in an effort to help service members and their families.

NAVAL ASSISTANCE -- Navy Senior Chief Petty Officer David Hall, civil affairs medic, left, assists Spc. Angel Velazquez, as they remove a simulated casualty, Sgt. Philip Melvin, from a vehicle that was hit by a vehicle-borne improvised explosive device as part of a scenario during mobilization training at Range 18A June 9. All three military members are assigned to Bravo Company, 414th Civil Affairs Battalion, Utica, N.Y., and are preparing for a mission in Iraq. Hall, an active duty hospital corpsman stationed at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md., volunteered to deploy with the 414th CA Bn. He uses his many years of experience to mentor the Soldiers.



Military Police begin new mission in Basra

Spc. Darryl L. Montgomery
Multinational Division South

BASRA, Iraq, July 15, — A new law and order force is now on duty here to provide a safe and secure environment for servicemembers.

Military police of the 34th Military Police Company began patrolling the base July 11 due to the combined efforts of the 34th Red Bull Infantry Division provost marshal's office and Special Troops Battalion.

The mission includes mounted and dismounted patrols of the living support areas and common areas, said Army Lt. Col. Dale Slimmer, provost marshal for

Multinational Division South. Military police 'help desk' operations are conducted from the Base Defense Operations Center. Residents can report emergencies, request assistance or report complaints, Slimmer said.

Anything a citizen would expect from the police back home, soldiers should be able to expect from the MPs once the program is fully operational, said Army Capt. Matthew Dick, operations officer for the 34th Infantry Division's provost marshal's office.

"This can range from vehicle accidents, lost identification cards, criminal activities or suspicious activities," said Slimmer,

a Little Falls, Minn., native.

"From the [operations center], the fire department, ambulance, military police or quick-reaction force will be dispatched depending on the emergency," Slimmer said.

Military police have been conducting training on a variety of skills, including community policing, enforcement, personal protection, reporting, investigations, crime-scene management and military law, leading up to the beginning of the program's start date, Slimmer said.

"Because of the uniqueness of this project, there were no existing resources to fall in on," he said. "The COB Basra [law enforcement agency] will be

built from the ground up."

Since the program is still in a developmental stage, Slimmer and Dick said base residents should not expect full police force capabilities right away.

"As it develops, you can begin to expect the services to mature," said Dick, a Coon Rapids, Minn., native.

Slimmer said the new project will continue to grow even after the 34th ID redeploys. He and his team encourage base residents to provide feedback as well as support.

"This was a need immediately identified when we arrived here," Dick said.

"I'm looking forward to being able to fill that need."



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ON PATROL — Army Sgt. David Karlson, MP, 34th Red Bull Infantry Division's 34th MP Co., approaches a vehicle to address a violation during a training exercise on Contingency Operating Base Basra, Iraq, July 11.

Commander blogs for feedback

Donna Miles
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, July 15, 2009 — When Army Maj. Gen. Michael L. Oates poses a question to his 10th Mountain Division soldiers and their families on his personal blog, the floodgates open in a dialogue once considered unimaginable between junior troops and their commander.

About twice a month, Oates goes straight to the source to get the troops' views on everything from the quality of the post's annual Mountainfest festival to a possible revision to the military's ban on homosexuality in the ranks.

A visit to the blog, posted at <http://www.taskforcemountain.com/mountain-sound-off>, reveals that troops are giving Oates exactly what he's looking for: direct, honest communication. It's so honest, in fact, that many responders opt to use just a first name or nickname rather than identifying themselves outright.

Oates is the first, or among the first, division commanders to embrace social media as a way to interact with his soldiers.

It's an effort he started in Iraq when he commanded Multinational Division Center, where he launched an online chat room to improve communication.

Participants logged on anonymously or used their real names and peppered Oates with questions about far-ranging issues. They complained about the Army's stop-loss policy and asked about talk they'd heard of a division headquarters move to southern Iraq. Army promotion

and awards policies, and quality-of-life issues such as housing and housing allowances and cost-of-living adjustments at their home station at Fort Drum.

Oates "took the time to answer each question carefully and connect with his troops," Army Maj. Daniel Elliott, division deputy public affairs officer said during the deployment.

"To our knowledge, this is the only division where the commanding general manages an active blog and has done an online chat with soldiers," Elliott added.

Oates has taken pains to continue that connection when he and his soldiers redeployed to Fort Drum.

Oates is "always stunned" to hear himself singled out for his innovative approach, he told American Forces Press Service. "I'm just doing what every leader in the Army does, just using a different, new venue."

"The reason I use a blog is because that's where the soldiers are," Oates said. "So you have to fish in that water." He recalled the old adage about asking a robber why he steals from banks, and the tongue-in-cheek retort: "Because that's where the money is."

Social media isn't a silver bullet, but it supports open and honest communication in ways most other venues can't, Oates said. Soldiers, their families and civilian employees feel comfortable responding to a blog, and it generates "a degree of candor you can't get face to face," he said.

"Soldiers aren't intimidated typing onto a screen," he said. "So if you want soldiers to be

honest with you, you have to set the conditions for them to be honest."

Oates said he reads every entry on the blog. The most enlightening aren't necessarily what his troops tell him, he said, but what they tell each other.

"It's the cross-talk that's the most useful," he said. "People take ideas, refine them and wire brush them. And through that process, I pick up a lot of useful concepts."

Oates interjects questions and comments on his commander's blog to keep the conversation going.

In late April, shortly after redeploying from Iraq, he asked his troops directly what topics they wanted him to open up for discussion.

Two weeks later, he asked, "Now that we're back and have had time to relax and look back, what is the biggest lesson you took away from this last deployment? (Spouses, too.)"

That question elicited the fewest responses -- six rather than the typical 45 to 100. But the responders provided insights Oates might not have gotten in more traditional forums.

One complained of an unfair awards policy, others of promotions that came too quickly or too easily for those they perceived as unready or unworthy. One spouse urged Oates to ensure that "dwell time" between deployments focuses more on family time. Another expressed gratitude that her spouse was coming home safely.

But perhaps the most insightful came from a responder who identified himself only as "Army Dude."

"From the perspective of

someone about to deploy again, I think a few lessons the division learned are at risk of dying on the vine or getting re-learned the hard way," he warned Oates.

The responder offered an assessment of which development projects in Iraq are worthy of funding and which aren't, of problems to be overcome in generating interagency cooperation, and the disconnect between the Army's "quick victory" mind-set and provincial reconstruction teams' long-term development strategy.



Mass Communications Specialist Lenny Francioni

Where there's smoke ...

Sailors and Airman patrol through a cloud of smoke during training at Fort Dix, July 9. The servicemembers are preparing for deployment in support of Ongoing Contingency Operations.

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Announcements


Chapel Services

Fort Dix
562-2020
Sunday Services
Traditional Protestant
9 a.m. to 10 a.m.
Catholic
10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.
Gospel
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Sunday School
10 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.
Jewish Prayer Room
Room 27
Chapel 5
Bldg. 5950 Church St.
If Chapel is closed
call 562-3311
to schedule a time for prayer
**Protestant, Catholic,
Latter Day Saints**
Sunday, 7:30 a.m.
Islamic Prayer Room
Monday through Friday
COL - Chaplain's tent
8 a.m. to 9 a.m.
Religious Activities
Vacation Bible School
July 7-13
Main Chapel
**Chaplaincy Birthday
Celebration**
July 29
Protestant Men of the Chapel
Prayer Breakfast
Fourth Saturday of each month
9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
**Protestant Women of the
Chapel**
Meets every Tuesday
9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
at the Fort Dix Main Chapel
and the fourth Tuesday at
Buttonwood Hospital.
McGuire Chapel
754-4673
Sunday Services
Contemporary
9:45 a.m. Chapel 2
Gospel
11:15 a.m. Chapel 1

FMWR presents

CLUB DIX
723-3272
Club Dix Hours of Operation
Java Café
Monday through Friday
7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Smokehouse Restaurant
Lunch Served
Tuesday through Friday
11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Saturday through Monday
Closed
Blue Room
Wednesday
5 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Thursday through Saturday
6 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Sunday through Tuesday
Closed
Computer Lab
Monday and Tuesday
7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday through Friday
7 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Saturday
Noon to 10 p.m.
Sunday
10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
**Equipment
Resource Center**
Hours of operation
Monday through Thursday
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Call 562-4767 for details
**John Mann
Recreation Park**
Hours of operation
Wednesday through Thursday
1 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Friday through Sunday
1 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Paintball at Range 14
Hours of operation
Saturday through Sunday
9 a.m. to noon
and
1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Call 562-4767 for details

FMWR Coming Events

Warehouse Sale
Cash and Carry
MWR Supply
Bldg. 6403 Doughboy Loop
July 21-22
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Like-new oak finish furniture:
Three drawer desk
Three drawer cabinet
Double-door Wardrobe closet
Pieces sold as a set or can be
purchased separately.
Curtains, Lamps, Pictures, Art-
work, or window mounted air
conditioning units may be avail-
able.
The event is cash and carry.
FMWR
Ultimate Adventure Trips
Whitewater Rafting
Kennebec River, Maine
July 30 through August 2
Adults \$395
Camping Only \$180
Join the Fort Dix MWR for two
days of whitewater rafting on
Class III and IV rapids. Enjoy
spectacular scenery along the
mighty Kennebec with tall pines
and maybe a bald eagle's nest!

ACS
562-2767
Bldg. 5201 Maryland Ave.
Calendar of Events
Wednesday, July 22
Commander's AFAP/IC
Steering Committee Meeting
8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
Post Headquarters
Banking Basics
1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
ACS
Thursday, July 23
Coming Home-When Soldiers
Return From Deployment
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
ACS

Arts & Crafts Center

562-5691
Bldg. 6039
Philadelphia Street
Registration hours:
Tuesday: 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.
Wednesday and Thursday:
Noon to 5 p.m. and
6 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.
Friday: 11 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.
Summer Art Camp
Tuesday through Friday
12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. ages 6 to 10
3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. ages 11 to 16
Pre-registration is required. \$50
registration fee (per session)
includes all materials.
Explore a variety of crafts tech-
niques using clay, paper, paint
and more. Sign up for one ses-
sion or all of them since projects
will be unique to each session.
Family and multiple session dis-
counts available.
Session 1: July 21 through 24
Session 2: July 28 through 31
Session 3: August 18 through 21
Sunset Sushi Platter
Thursday, July 23
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
\$20 includes all materials.
Create a vibrant and beautifully
painted ceramic sushi platter
with silhouetted elephants
marching at sunset. It may look
challenging, but this is a very
easy painting technique, come
join us.
Framing Qualification Classes
Wednesday: August 5 or 12
6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Saturday: August 1
9 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.
Pre-registration fee \$10 required
prior to class. Materials not
included.)
Complete one piece and learn to
operate the equipment. Bring
something in to frame such as an
8x10 photo or certificate,
required. All materials are avail-
able at the frame shop which will
be purchased at the end of class.

Youth Center

562-5061
Bldg. 1279 Locust St.
Hours of Operation
Monday through Friday
2 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Saturday
1 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Closed Sunday
Administrative Hours
Tuesday through Friday
Noon to 6 p.m.
Summer Schedule
Monday through Friday
Middle School Summer Camp
6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Open Rec.
1 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Monday, July 20
Martial Arts - SKIES Class
10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.
Movie Monday
4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Permission slip for bowling due
Tuesday, July 21
Bowling
two games and shoe rental
3 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.
Free for campers
\$5 for Open Rec.
Permission slip for swimming due
Wednesday, July 22
Gymnastics- SKIES class
10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.
Swimming
1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
\$1 fee for Open Rec.
Thursday, July 23
Self-directed activities
Permission slip for swimming due
Friday, July 24
Swimming
1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
\$1 fee for Open Rec.
Saturday, July 25
Cooking Project-Monkey
Bread
4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

United Communities

Self Help Office
Monday through Friday
7 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Closed Saturday and Sunday
724-0550
For information on events, con-
tact Amber Stadler at 723-4290
McGuire Pool:
Rock n' Raft Nite: 12-18 years
Tuesday, 5 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.
Movie "Tommy Boy"
Family night at the Pool:
Thursday, 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Trash Schedule
Wednesday
Fort Dix: 1200s, older 1500s
and 1600s Including quarters
201, 502, and 1900
McGuire: 4000s, 4200s
Recycling Schedule
Every other Thursday
Landscaping Update
Green Waste Disposal
The maximum weight is 50
pounds in the green waste cans.
Please remember green waste
will not be picked up if it con-
tains rocks, dirt, or trash.
Lawn Mowing & Landscaping
Monday
Fort Dix: Mahlenbrock,
Aneiros, Froehlich, Karolasz,
Dixon
McGuire: Section: 4200
Tuesday
Fort Dix: Fir, Gum, Kalmia,
Locust (North side), 1400s on
Juniper and Hemlock
McGuire: Sections: 2700, 2800
Wednesday
Fort Dix: Redwood, Pointville,
Locust (South side), Scott
Plaza, 1100 on Juniper and
Hemlock
McGuire: Starlifter
Thursday
Fort Dix: 1500, 1600 on Ash,
Birch, Cedar, Dogwood, Grove
Park and Holly Crest
Friday
Fort Dix: Finish Grove Park
and Holly Crest, Farm Houses

SPORTS



photos by Ryan Morton

Softball preseason champs and runners-up get hardware

From left, the Fort Dix Softball preseason champs, FCI, and the runners-up, Free Agents, receive their trophies before their respective regular season games 14-1, June 11. The softball regular season will continue over the coming months.



photos by Ryan Morton

Monday night volleyball action heats up on the Fort Dix sand court

From left, Chris Palmer-Hill, Six Pack, goes up for a spike, but is blocked by Corey Weiland, MWR. Jennifer Palmer-Hill, Six Pack, sets the ball for her partner to punch over the net. Krystal Martinez, MWR, serves underhanded, while Chris Palmer-Hill serves with the overhanded variety during game action, July 13. MWR won a closely contested match, two games to one. The Monday Night Volleyball season will continue going on throughout the summer.